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TOPIC 12th PS Brigade in Plana and New Model N-27 Czech Bazooka

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1. The 12th PS (Border Guard) Brigade, which was stationed at Plana (N 50/P 55), consisted of four battalions, which were stationed at Rozvadov, Lesna, Zandov and Halze. After receiving uniforms in Plana, [] came to the training center in Karolina Dolina together with 300 other recruits on 2 July 1952. The 300 recruits were organized into two companies, which were subordinate to the training battalion. The headquarters of the training battalion, whose commander was Senior Lieutenant Baran (fnu), was stationed at Plana. The battalion included, in addition to the two companies stationed at Karolina Dolina, three other companies, one of which was a heavy machine gun company stationed at Zadni Chodov, while the other was a mounted company and was stationed at Lesna.
2. After the completion of basic training, [] company moved to Breclav (P 49/S 75) on 27 September 1952 and constructed wire entanglements in the Talcice - Mikulov (P 49/S 56) sector for three weeks. These entanglements were equipped with no wires to conduct electric current and included no mine fields.
3. [] the 6th Co of the II Bn [] was stationed at Halze. Officers assigned to the battalion included Lieutenant Svarc, (fnu), battalion commander, and Lieutenant Cernak, (fnu), political officer. The 6th Co numbered 58 men. 1
4. In January 1953, the 6th Co received three new model N-27 bazookas. To be trained with this weapon, [] participate in a 10-day course of instruction in Halze, to which six men of each company were detailed. The weapon allegedly was manufactured at "Cs zbrojovka" and was operated by a two-man team. For firing the gunner placed the rear part of the bazooka under his arm or on his shoulder. During the practices, the firing rate was four to six rockets per minute. All projectiles were made of paper and were fired at stationary targets from a distance of 40 to 150 meters and at targets moving at distances up to 100 meters. The accuracy of fire was great, since the projectiles never missed targets, 60 cm square, at a distance of 100 meters. The trainees were told that live projectiles were about 40 cm long, had a weight of 3.75 kg, and included a bakelite rear section, 12 cm long, which contained a charge of unidentified power and was ejected from the rear opening of the barrel after the discharge of the weapon. The head of the projectile mounted an impact fuze, contained 1.4 kg explosives and included a cavity, 2 cm wide, whose purpose was unknown [] Live

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25X1 projectiles were red, while practice projectiles were green. Prior to 24 March
 25X1 1953, the 6th Co had received no live projectiles, but supplies to the border
 25X1 allegedly were on the way. ³

5. [REDACTED] a new weapon at the
 25X1 reserve company in Rozvadov (N 50/P 43) [REDACTED]
 25X1 the weapon was a carriage-mounted barrel. [REDACTED] the reserve company
 25X1 received this new weapon only in early March 1953. ⁴

25X1 ¹. [REDACTED] Comment. The statements of the present report largely agree with a previous
 25X1 report [REDACTED]

25X1 ². [REDACTED] Comment. The reference appears to be to the Czech Armament Works
 25X1 (Ceska zbrojovka), National Corporation, Strakonice.

25X1 ³. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] an improved model, referred to as
 25X1 "Pancerovka", of the old German Army "Offenrohr" bazooka, which has a barrel,
 47 mm in diameter and 103 cm long.

4. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] presumably [REDACTED] "Tarasnice",
 which practically is only a heavier type of Pancerovka.

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